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SUBJECT: U.S. AND FRG DELEGATION COMPLETE DRAFT RE-
COMMENDATIONS FOR SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENT

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1. US/FRG SOCIAL SECURITY DISCUSSIONS WHICH BEGAN ON
JANUARY 6 WERE SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED ON JANUARY 24
WITH THE COMPLETION OF A RECOMMENDED DRAFT SOCIAL SE-
CURITY TOTALIZATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE US AND THE
FRG. THE DRAFT AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR LIMITED COORDINA-
TION BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONAL SOCIAL SECURITY PENSION
SYSTEMS INCLUDING THE ELIMINATION OF DOUBLE COVERAGE
AND DOUBLE TAXATION. IT ALSO PROVIDES FOR THE TOTALIZA-
TION (I.E. COMBINING) OF SOCIAL SECURITY RECORDS FOR
NATIONALS OF EITHER COUNTRY EMPLOYED AT DIFFERENT TIMES
IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE FRG TO FACILITATE ESTAB-
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LISHING THEIR INSURANCE STATUS IN BOTH COUNTRIES. PER-

SONS WHO OBTAIN INSURANCE STATUS SOLELY THROUGH TOTALIZATION WOULD RECEIVE BENEFITS FROM BOTH COUNTRIES PAID SEPARATELY ON A PRO RATA AND REDUCED BASIS. THE SEPARATE BENEFITS ARE EXPECTED TO APPROXIMATE THE AMOUNT WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN PAID BY EITHER COUNTRY IF ALL THE PERIODS OF COVERAGE HAD BEEN COMPLETED IN THAT COUNTRY.

2. THE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS WERE CARRIED OUT IN A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION WITH BOTH SIDES SHOWING A DESIRE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT. A PROCES VERBAL, SIGNED ON JANUARY 24, INDICATES THAT AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEXT WAS AGREED UPON AND, AS SOON AS A GERMAN LANGUAGE TEXT, BASED ON THE ENGLISH TEXT, HAS BEEN DRAFTED, THE TWO DRAFTS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE AGREEMENT BE FORMALLY NEGOTIATED AND SIGNED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. THE EMBASSY WAS HAPPY TO PROVIDE THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LABOR ATTACHE AND HIS STAFF AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO ASSIST THE HEW SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION TEAM DURING THE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS THAT LED TO THIS DRAFT AGREEMENT.

4. DURING THE COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS THE FRG REPRESENTATIVES INDICATED THAT AS SOON AS THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON SOCIAL SECURITY COMES INTO FORCE AFTER RATIFICATION BY A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF MEMBER STATES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE, AN INVITATION MAY BE EXTENDED TO THE UNITED STATES, UNDER PROVISIONS OF THAT CONVENTION, TO ENTER INTO MULTILATERAL SOCIAL SECURITY COOPERATION WITH THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE.

5. THE FRG LABOR MINISTER HAS INDICATED INFORMALLY TO THE EMBASSY LABATT THAT HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO COME TO WASHINGTON IN LATE SPRING FOR THE FINAL FORMAL NEGOTIATION AND SIGNING OF THIS AGREEMENT. IF THIS VISIT AND SIGNATURE CEREMONY CAN BE ARRANGED, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THEY WOULD STRENGTHEN FRG-US RELATIONS IN THE SOCIAL AND LABOR SECTOR SINCE THE ABOVE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE REPRESENTED PERHAPS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT INITIATIVE

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IN THE SOCIAL SECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE FRG IN MANY YEARS.
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